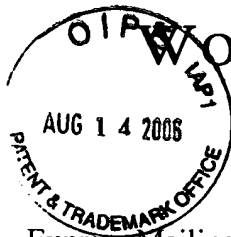


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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

A. Instructions and Averments

____ Enter the Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116, previously filed on

____ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

B. Enclosed

- ☒ An Amendment "B" and Response for entry in the present application.
- ☒ To render this RCE timely filed, enclosed is a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time.
- ☒ A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV 825 901 957 US.
- ☐ A Request for Nonpublication of Application.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney.
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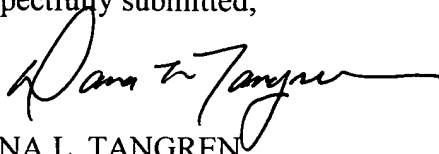
C. Payments

- ☒ Form PTO-2038 submitting payment in the amount of \$910.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees:
 - ☒ the \$790.00 RCE filing fee pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(e); and
 - ☒ the \$120.00 extension of time fee.
- ☐ Please debit Deposit Account No. 23-3178 in the amount of \$_____ for the government filing fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
 - ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.
 - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17.
- ☐ The issue fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.311(b).
- ☒ A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 14th day of August 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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